

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 6-8 are amended. Claims 1 and 3-8 remain in the case. The Amendment is based on the Amendment After Final filed on April 14, 2008 which was not entered at that time. The Request for Continuation of Examination (RCE) requests entry of that Amendment and further entry of the attached Amendment.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iida et al (US Patent No. 6,655,026) ('026) in view of Hayden, Sr. (US Patent No. 4,258,084) ('084).

Claim 1 has now been amended to further include the feature that the crater shaped indentations are configured to carry oil and to prevent the oil from flowing away during a change in contact. Although the prior art does disclose that the crater shaped indentations can carry oil, the prior art does not disclose that the indentations are configured to also prevent the oil from flowing away during a change in contact. Further claim 8 has been amended to include the step of configuring the crater shaped indentations to carry oil and to prevent the oil from flowing away during a change in contact. The prior art does not show or disclose this method step. Therefore independent claims 1 and 8 are believed to be allowable over the cited prior art. Minor format changes have also been made to claims 6-7. Dependent claims 3-7 are now also believed to be allowable.

This Amendment should place this case in condition for passing to issue. Such action is requested. If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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